

CITY OF BELLEVUE  
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Session

May 17, 2004  
8:00 p.m.

Council Chambers  
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Mayor Marshall, Deputy Mayor Noble, and Councilmembers Balducci, Chelminiak, Davidson, Degginger, and Lee

ABSENT: None.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by Mayor Marshall, who presided.

2. Roll Call, Flag Salute

Upon roll call by the City Clerk, all Councilmembers were present. Councilmember Balducci led the flag salute.

- (a) Full Accreditation Award to Utilities Department by American Public Works Association

Utilities Director Lloyd Warren announced that the Bellevue Utilities Department was awarded full accreditation by the American Public Works Association (APWA) on March 25. Bellevue Utilities is the 14<sup>th</sup> agency in the country and the first agency in Washington state to receive this accreditation.

Jack Pittis, APWA Region IX Director, congratulated the City on its achievement and briefly described APWA's role as an educational resource and public policy advocate. Accreditation must be recertified every three years, and 31 agencies are currently pursuing accreditation. Mr. Pittis reviewed the process, which includes a self-assessment component and a site visit by a team of public works professionals. Mr. Pittis presented the award to Mr. Warren and staff.

Noting that Mr. Warren is retiring, Mayor Marshall read a commendation recognizing his years of service since 1975 and role as Utilities Department Director since 1996. Mr. Warren was

instrumental in the creation of the Cascade Water Alliance and has been recognized locally, regionally, and nationally for developing innovative solutions to complex public issues and preserving the natural environment.

Dr. Davidson praised Mr. Warren's intelligence and exceptional leadership over the years. Ms. Balducci commended Mr. Warren's professionalism.

Mr. Degginger praised Mr. Warren's tenacity and ability to build consensus and achieve goals. He is pleased Mr. Warren will continue to be involved with Cascade Water Alliance in his role on the Sammamish Water and Sewer District Board.

Mr. Chelminiak thanked Mr. Warren for his public service ethic and for the teamwork and professionalism he has fostered within the Utilities Department. Mr. Lee commended Mr. Warren's effectiveness and strong working relationships with Councilmembers, regional colleagues, and his own staff.

Deputy Mayor Noble praised Mr. Warren's responsiveness, knowledge, effectiveness, and professionalism. Mayor Marshall commended Mr. Warren's regional leadership in water planning and effectiveness as a mentor to his staff.

Former Mayor Nan Campbell reflected on the 25 years she has known Mr. Warren. She thanked him for implementation of the City's drainage utility and for his ongoing environmental stewardship.

City Manager Steve Sarkozy commended Mr. Warren's accomplishments and professionalism, which have had positive effects beyond his department.

Mr. Warren introduced members of his family in attendance. He recalled his career at Bellevue working with seven city managers, numerous Councilmembers, Boards and Commissions, staff, residents, business owners, and volunteers. Mr. Warren said the Utilities Department is in good hands under the ongoing leadership of Brad Miyake, Denny Vidmar, Damon Diessner, Nav Otal, and Wes Jorgenson.

### 3. Communications: Written and Oral

- (a) Ann Oxreider, Co-Chair of Bellevue Art Commission's Cultural Compass Committee, described the committee's task to develop a 10-year strategic plan for arts and culture in Bellevue. A draft plan has been completed and is under review, and one goal of the plan is to strengthen and expand Bellevue's public art program. Mrs. Oxreider asked Council to consider decisions regarding public art for the New City Building within the larger context of the 10-year strategic plan.
- (b) Cece Teddy, a member of the Cultural Compass Committee, encouraged Council to utilize New City Building projects funds for art in this new building, rather than using overall community art funds.

- (c) Carolee Danz described her involvement in arts-related committees and organizations. She urged Council to not use funds from the Arts Commission budget for public art at the New City Building.
- (d) Loyd Jacobs encouraged Council to make the New City Building a showcase both inside and outside for the next 50 years or more. He asked Council to provide an art piece at the end of the concourse that will complement the occasional view of Mt. Rainier. He would like Council to increase the budget by 2-3 percent to \$105 million to provide an inviting gathering place and amenity for the community.

4. Reports of Community Councils, Boards and Commissions

- (a) Scott Leonard, President of the Library Board, provided an overview of the three King County libraries in Bellevue: Bellevue Regional, Lake Hills Community Library, and Library Connection at Crossroads. He noted a significant increase in circulation due in part to the capability of patrons to place online holds for books and then pick them up at the location of their choice. Bellevue Regional Library now has vending machines, and both the main and Lake Hills locations have self-checkout stations. Lake Hills offers numerous children and youth programs, and mobile services stop periodically at Crossroads Retirement, Evergreen Court, Garden Club, Brandenwood, Brighton Gardens, Pacific Towers, and Vasa Creek Woods. Mr. Leonard invited the public to attend StoryFest on July 23 and 24 at Bellevue Regional Library.

Councilmember Balducci asked about plans to upgrade or expand Lake Hills Library. Robin Rothschild said a library bond issue to be presented for voter approval in September will replace this community library.

- (b) Kurt White, Chair of the Parks and Community Services Board, encouraged Council to provide exceptional landscaping and park amenities surrounding the New City Building to be consistent with the City's motto of "City in a Park."

5. Report of the City Manager: None.

6. Council Business

Ms. Balducci noted a ceremony at last week's Park Board meeting to honor Sherry Grindeland, a longtime supporter of youth in Bellevue and current Co-Chair of Bellevue Youth Link Board. Ms. Balducci thanked Ms. Grindeland for her ongoing service to the community.

Mr. Degginger participated in activities to welcome APWA representatives to Bellevue.

Mr. Chelminiak attended a meeting of the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District, where he was appointed to the executive committee. He and Ms. Balducci participated in neighborhood meetings in Newport Hills and Spiritridge.

Deputy Mayor Noble and Mr. Chelminiak attended a retreat hosted by the King County Human Services Task Force. Mr. Noble attended the Eastside Transportation Partnership meeting. He noted the upcoming Eastside Human Services Forum's breakfast on June 8.

Mayor Marshall represented the City at the police memorial ceremony at Sunset Hills Memorial Park.

7. Approval of the Agenda

- ➡ Deputy Mayor Noble moved to approve the agenda, and Ms. Balducci seconded the motion.
- ➡ The motion to approve the agenda carried by a vote of 7-0.

8. Consent Calendar

Deputy Mayor Noble pulled items 8(f) and (h) from Consent Calendar approval. Mr. Chelminiak pulled item 8(d).

- ➡ Mr. Degginger moved to approve the Consent Calendar, as amended, and Dr. Davidson seconded the motion.
- ➡ The motion to approve the Consent Calendar, as amended, carried by a vote of 7-0, and the following items were approved:
  - (a) Minutes of April 19, 2004 Budget Retreat  
Minutes of April 26, 2004 Extended Study Session  
Minutes of May 3, 2004 Study Session  
Minutes of May 3, 2004 Regular Session
  - (b) Motion to approve payment of claims for the period April 23 through May 7, 2004, and payroll for the period April 21 through May 5, 2004.
  - (c) Motion to award Bid No. 0415 for the roof replacement at the Public Safety Training Center located at 1838 116<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE to Pacific Rainier Roofing, Inc. as low bidder in the amount of \$81,485.43.
  - (e) Resolution No. 6996 authorizing execution of a third amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Preston Gates & Ellis, LLP to increase the contract amount by \$12,000 to a total of \$112,000 for legal services through completion of the condemnation of properties along Factoria Boulevard, City of Bellevue v. Factoria Square, et al, KCSC: 02-2-07013-02 SEA.
  - (g) Resolution No. 6998 authorizing execution of an agreement with Jones & Stokes for engineering design services in an amount not to exceed \$195,808 for the Kelsey Creek Park Stream Restoration Project and authorizing the execution of

future amendments not to exceed a total of \$10,000.

- (i) Ordinance No. 5521 authorizing execution of an agreement with the State of Washington Department of Ecology to accept grant funds from the Coordinated Prevention Grant Program to fund waste prevention and recycling projects; establishing a project within the Operating Grants and Donations Fund (OGDF); amending the budget for the OGDF and Solid Waste Fund by appropriating unanticipated and future revenue to those funds; authorizing expenditures of the grant monies; and authorizing interfund loans.
- (j) Ordinance No. 5522 authorizing an amendment to the agreement with Seattle-King County Department of Public Health accepting grant reimbursement funds to implement hazardous waste prevention and education programs in accordance with the Local Hazardous Waste Management Program; establishing a project within the Operating Grants and Donations Fund by appropriating unanticipated and future revenue to that fund; appropriating unanticipated revenue to the Solid Waste Fund, and authorizing expenditures from said fund.

Items for Council Discussion:

- (d) Resolution No. 6995 authorizing execution of an amendment to the systems purchase with ARINC Incorporated for purchase of a wireless data communications system and authorizing future amendments not to exceed \$100,000. *(Discussed with Council at March 8, 2004 Extended Study Session.)*

Mr. Chelminiak requested additional details on the proposal presented by Resolution No. 6995.

Police Chief Jim Montgomery explained that changes have occurred due primarily to changes in technology since the project's inception. The mobile units originally chosen for the project are no longer manufactured by the City's supplier, resulting in increased hardware costs of approximately \$90,000. Although costs have increased, the total cost remains within the overall project budget.

Responding to Deputy Mayor Noble, Chief Montgomery assured Council the project will stay within its budget.

- ➡ Mr. Degginger moved to approve Resolution No. 6995, amended to delete the language: "...and authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute additional future amendments to the System Purchase Contract, the total of such future amendments shall not exceed \$100,000." Mr. Noble seconded the motion.
- ➡ The motion to approve Resolution No. 6995, as amended, carried by a vote of 6-1 with Dr. Davidson dissenting.
- (f) Resolution No. 6997 authorizing execution of an amendment to the contract with SRG Partnership for additional services to develop early design packages to

provide for an early start to construction of the New City Building redevelopment project.

Deputy Mayor Noble questioned the need for additional funds for the preparation of early design packages, which he would have thought were included in the original contract scope. He is concerned about the need for more funds for such a large contract. Mr. Noble noted Council direction since the beginning of the New City Building redevelopment project to move into the new building as early as possible.

Mr. Sarkozy recommended postponement of this item to allow staff to provide a thorough review and response.

Mayor Marshall concurred with Mr. Noble's comments. She is distressed by the indication that a failure to increase the funding as requested by \$227,000 could ultimately result in additional project costs of \$1-2 million. Mayor Marshall asked whether the contract increase will guarantee an early occupancy of the building.

Mr. Degginger requested justification as to why SRG Partnership considers the preparation of early design packages an additional service.

Mayor Marshall noted Council consensus to postpone this item.

- (h) Motion to increase the project budget by \$115,000 for an amended project budget of \$645,000 and to award Bid No. 0409 to construct a new traffic signal at 143<sup>rd</sup> Ave. NE at the Ross Plaza entrance, add a U-turn lane, and install curbing and islands for the NE 20<sup>th</sup> Street project (140<sup>th</sup> to 148<sup>th</sup> Aves. NE), to Potelco, Inc. as low bidder in the amount of \$324,937.22. (CIP Plan No. PW-R-132)

Deputy Mayor Noble expressed concern about plans to add a traffic signal as part of the NE 20<sup>th</sup> Street project, which he fears will further impede traffic flow.

Dave Berg, Assistant Director of Transportation, said the traffic signal is located at the entrance to Ross Plaza and coordinated with the U-turn traffic. The signal is an essential project element in terms of access control and safety and has been approved by affected businesses.

Responding to Mr. Noble, Mr. Berg said traffic signals along the corridor will be synchronized to optimize traffic flow. Mark Poch, Traffic Engineering Manager, described plans to review signal coordination along NE 20<sup>th</sup> Street from 130<sup>th</sup> to 148<sup>th</sup> Avenues NE. He discussed the need to balance traffic progression with pedestrian and vehicle access to businesses along the street.

Responding to Mr. Chelminiak, Mr. Poch explained how the U-turn will function. A left turn will be allowed, however, for vehicles leaving Ross Plaza via the new traffic signal.

- ☉ Dr. Davidson moved to increase the project budget by \$115,000 and to award Bid No. 0409 for the NE 20<sup>th</sup> Street project, and Mayor Marshall seconded the motion.

- The motion to increase the project budget by \$115,000 and to award Bid No. 0409 for the NE 20<sup>th</sup> Street project carried by a vote of 6-1, with Deputy Mayor Noble dissenting.

9. Public Hearings: None.

10. Land Use: None.

11. Other Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions: None.

12. Unfinished Business

- Mr. Chelminiak moved to appoint Faith Roland to the Parks and Community Services Board, and Mayor Marshall seconded the motion.

Mr. Chelminiak noted Ms. Roland resides in the West Lake Sammamish area and would be the first person from this neighborhood to serve on the board.

- The motion to appoint Faith Roland to the Parks and Community Services Board carried by a vote of 7-0.

13. Continued Oral Communications

Arlene Darby commended Lloyd Warren's service to the City and his role in creating the Cascade Water Alliance.

14. New Business: None.

15. Executive Session

- (a) Labor negotiations (approximately 30 minutes)
- (b) Two items of pending litigation (approximately 35 minutes)

At 9:30 p.m., Mayor Marshall declared recess to Executive Session to discuss three items and noted the meeting will adjourn immediately following that session.

16. Adjournment

At 10:15 p.m., Mayor Marshall declared the meeting adjourned.

Myrna L. Basich  
City Clerk

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